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JP-A-4-11036; JP-A-2002-69804; JP-A-2002-13052; JP-A-2001-159052; and WO-A1-99/39030 are cited on Pages 2-4 and Page 11of the Specification.

A summary/abstract translation of several the non-English language references is enclosed. WO-A1-99/39030 corresponds to US-B1-6,252,031 and JP-A-9-272726 corresponds to EP-B1-0 799 843, thereby satisfying the relevancy requirements.

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